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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION JUN 9
1. ISRAELI ATTACK: ALL MAJOR DAILIES JUNE 9 BANNERED ISRAELI ATTACK ON IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY. BODY OF REPORT CARRIED U.S., FRENCH, EGYPTIAN AND WALDHEIM REACTION AS WELL AS IRAQI CALL FOR AN ARAB LEAGUE MEETING.
2. LEADING URDU DAILY JANG IN FRONTPAGE STORY SAID ATTACK WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SPECIAL PAKISTANI CABINET MEETING TUESDAY. MEANWHILE IT REPORTED ANGER AND FURY OF GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE CAPITAL AND PAK INFORMATION MINISTER HAQ'S STRONG CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI RAID.
3. INDIAN FM'S VISIT: FIRST DAY OF RAO'S VISIT GIVEN EXTENSIVE, PROMINENT COVERAGE THROUGHOUT. ALL FRONT VERY CONCILIATORY ARRIVAL STATEMENT OF RAO STRESSING INDIA'S
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COMMITMENT TO RESPECT "NATIONAL UNITY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF PAKISTAN", UNDERLINING THE "NEED FOR BRINGING PAKISTAN AND INDIA CLOSER TO EACH OTHER", AND PLEADING TO FORGET BITTER FEELINGS OF THE PAST.
4. COVERAGE ON FIRST TWO ROUNDS OF TALKS REPORT (JUN 9) AGREEMENT ON GULF SECURITY "IT IS RESPONSIBILITY OF LITTORAL STATES"; EXPANSION OF TRAVEL FACILITIES AND IMPROVMENT OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TWO NATIONS. IN A JOINT BRIEFING SPOKESMEN OF BOTH DELEGATION DUCKED QUESTIONS ON AFGHANISTAN AND U.S. ARMS SALE TO PAKISTAN SIMPLY SAYING TALKS WERE NOT YET OVER.
5. DAILY MUSLIM FRONTPAGE REPORT ON TALKS SAYS SKEPTICAL OF EACH OTHER'S PERSPECTIVE OF VARIOUS ISSUES FACING THE REGION, THE TWO MINISTERS SEEM TO BE MOVING VERY CAUTIOUSLY IN AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO BRIDGE THE GAP BET-
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WEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. GENERALLY TALKS BETWEEN RAO AND SHAHI ARE REPORTED TO BE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY IN A "CORDIAL, FRIENDLY AND FRANK ATMOSPHERE."

6. MOST MAJOR DAILIES JUNE 8, INCLUDING PAKTIMES, MUSLIM, NAWA-IWAQT, JANG AND MASHIRQ GREETED RAO'S ARRIVAL WITH MIXED FEELINGS. ALL STRESSED NEED TO IMPROVE RELATION BUT TOOK SERIOUS EXCEPTION TO INDIA'S OPPOSITION TO PAK PURCHASE OF ARMS FROM U.S. AND ITS VAGUE STAND ON AFGHANISTAN.

7. ZIA ON INDO-PAK RELATIONS: MUSLIM, PAKTIMES AND OTHERS JUNE 8 GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO PAK PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ INTERVIEW WITH INDIAN MAGAZINE "SUNDAY" WHEREIN HE STATED, (1) PAKISTAN HAS RIGHT TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSE, (2)

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL IT BECOME CONDUIT FOR AMERICAN ARMS TO AFGHAN MUJAHIDIN, (3) WILL NOT PROVIDE BASES TO THE U.S., (4) INDIAN LEADERS SHOULD NOT INDULGE INTO WAR TALK (5) PAKISTAN HAS ENOUGH SELF CONFILENCE TO ENTER INTO A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA PROVIDED INDIA FULFILLS ITS OBLIGATION AS THE LARGEST COUNTRY IN SOUTH ASIA. THURBER